

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, December 19, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Eric Dahlgren, Utility Division

(489) In the matter of D2006.10.158-Montana Dakota Utilities Co. Montana Dakota Utilities filed a natural gas tariff sheet entitled Thermal Zone Boundaries (Volume No. 6, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 4).

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve Montana Dakota Utilities Co. natural gas tariff sheet entitled Thermal Zone Boundaries in D2006.10.158. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(490) In the matter of N2006.11.175-Qwest Corporation. On November 30, 2006 Qwest Corporation filed for Commission approval of a Multi-State Agreement between Qwest and Government Service Authority Region 8.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Multi-State Agreement between Qwest and Government Service Authority in Region 8 in N2006.11.175. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(491) In the matter of N2006.11.179-Qwest Corporation. On December 4, 2006 Qwest Corporation filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement between Qwest and Enterprise Rent a Car Company of Montana/Wyoming.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Multi-State Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Enterprise Rent a Car Company of Montana/Wyoming. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(492) In the matter of N2006.12.177-Sprint. Sprint requested changes to its Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Sprint Price List No. 1 in N2006.12.177. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(493) In the matter of N2006.12.178-Century Tel. On December 1, 2006 Century Tel filed Transmittal No. 06-11.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Century Tel Transmittal No 06-11 in N2006.12.178. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(494) In the matter of N2006.12.180-Qwest. On December 6, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-02 Duplicate Bill Charge.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve Qwest Tariff Transmittal 06-02 in N2006.12.180. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(495) In the matter of TN2328. James A. Jones dba Oilfield Maintenance Co., Gillette, Wyoming requests permission to lease PSC No. 9297 to G & G Garbage, Inc., Baker Montana for a twelve month period, December 28, 2006 to December 28, 2007.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve lease PSC No. 9297 in TN2328. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(496) In the matter of TN2329. Dick Irvin, Inc., Shelby, Montana requests permission to continue the lease PSC No. 9392 to Irvin, Inc. and Mico, Inc. dba I & T Transfer, Shelby, Montana for a twelve month period January 6, 2007 to January 6, 2008.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the lease PSC No. 9392 in TN2329. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(497) In the matter of approval of Minutes Week of December 11, 2006.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the minutes for week of December 11, 2006.
Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator, Legal Division
Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(498) In the matter of D2006.6.81-Qwest. Qwest Business and Residence customer incentive programs.

Commissioner Molnar moved to suspend the schedule pending resolution of the discovery dispute in D2006.6.81. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division
Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(499) In the matter of D2005.6.105-Qwest. Qwest Universal Service Funds Investigation. The PSC has been investigating Qwest's use of Federal Universal Service Funds.

Commissioner Mood moved to direct staff to proceed with the possible contracting of expert witness services and set a cap at \$30,000 which is subject to a later review if exceeds that amount. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division
Leroy Beeby, Utility Division

(500) In the matter of D2006.12.176-Northwestern Energy. Application of Northwestern Energy for Automatic Rate Adjustment and Tracking for Taxes and Fees.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the interim increase as outlined in the staff memo in D2006.12.176. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division
Dave Burchett and Will Rosquist, Utility Division

(501) In the matter of D2006.1.2-MDU. MDU gas and electric USB review.

Commissioner Raney moved to issue the Notice of Complaint with all the necessary language in D2006.1.2. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve an interim volumetric charge for MDU USB programs. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Candace Beery, Utility Division

(502) In the matter of Cost Allocation for Regionally Beneficial, Economic Transmission Projects in the Midwest ISO.

Commissioner Jergeson moved that Montana generally support the comments by OMS to the FERC and that Commissioner Jergeson will be delegated to vote on amendments and footnotes. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator, Legal Division

(503) In the matter of the Commission's Discussion of Montana Shared Catalogue.

Commissioner Schneider moved that the Commission proceed to join the Shared Library Catalogue with the new \$1,100 cost annually identified. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator, Legal Division

Wayne Budt, Administrator

Transportation & Centralized Services Division

Nickie Eck, Transportation Division

(504) In the matter of T-06.17.COM and T-06.12.ST-Suhr; and Montana Sky's Trucking and MacKenzie Disposal. Request for reconsideration of Order No. 6790 and request to stay sale/transfer (Suhr); and sale/transfer from Montana Sky's Trucking to MacKenzie Disposal.

Commissioner Schneider moved to adopt the order on reconsideration and the order for reconsideration of the stay in T-06.17.COM and T-06.12.ST. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the transfer from Montana Big Sky's Trucking to MacKenzie Disposal. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, December 20, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner

Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner was absent but left his proxies with Commissioner Jergeson.

APPEARANCE
Mike Lee, Utility Division

(505) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of FCC CC 01-92 – Intercarrier compensation – reply comments regarding the subject of phantom traffic and related topics:

Commissioner Raney moved that the Commission authorize Mike Lee to convey to other states and to the FCC the Commission's support for an extension of time on FCC CC 01-92. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the reply comments and authorize the submission of the reply comments on phantom traffic subject to minor editing. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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